

CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PERSPECTIVE



SENATE PERSPECTIVE



TOPICS

- BIG CHANGES
- CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE
- DEFENSE DEBATE
- TRUCKS

BIG CHANGES

- House of Representatives:
 - New Chairmen
 - New Subcommittees?
 - New Staff
 - Redistricting
- Senate
 - Experiment in Bipartisanship
 - New Members and Staff
 - Possible Change in Party Control

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

- FY 2001 Supplemental?
- Late Submission of Bush Budget (April?)
- Long Year; No Early Bill This Year
- Senate Distracted by Confirmations
- No “Budget Agreement” in Place; A Clean Slate
- Last Year’s “Stability” and “Predictability” Gone

DEFENSE DEBATE

- Defense Budget Part of Overall Economic Plan
 - Tax Cuts
 - Social Security/Medicare Reform
 - Education
- Bush Defense Priorities
 - National Missile Defense
 - Readiness; deployment reductions; pay & benefits
 - Leap Ahead Technology; Skip a Generation
- Impact of New Studies (QDR, etc.)
- Congressional Priorities: B-2; C-17?
- International Interest In Defense Debate

TRUCKS

- Congress has supported military truck programs in the past
- Truck issues could get lost in the larger debate this year